

**Opening Quote - Lesson 1**

“If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how - the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right what’s said against me won’t amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right would make no difference.”

-Abraham Lincoln, *The Inner Life of Abraham Lincoln: Six Months at the White House*, by Francis B. Carpenter